

Rules of Revision

STEPS TO SUCCESSFUL AND USEFUL REVISION GROUPS

Rule 1

- ▶ NO TALKING!
 - ▶ This means the person whose work is being revised.
 - ▶ Listen. Don't argue.

Exceptions

- ▶ #1: Bring questions for help. You may ask at the beginning before the group begins to respond.
- ▶ #2: Ask for clarification **at the end.**
 - ▶ Make sure you make notes so you don't forget.

Rule 2

- ▶ The group discusses the piece in front of the writer.

Rule 3

- ▶ Take notes!
 - ▶ Record your revision groups reactions, good or bad.
 - ▶ Make notes where they think improvements are needed.

Rule 4

- ▶ Never say
“It’s good!”

Rule 5

- ▶ List specific things you liked.

Rule 6

- ▶ Never say “You should”

Rule 7

- ▶ Give feedback (Descriptive not proscriptive)
- ▶ ~~Proscriptive: Give ideas to fix the piece. i.e. "You should..."~~
- ▶ Descriptive: Describe your reactions to the piece.

Rule 8

- ▶ Be specific.
- ▶ Respond to the overall piece, but pick out details to talk about as well.

Rule 9

- ▶ Save the small stuff for last (but don't forget to cover it).

The small stuff:

- ▶ Spelling, grammar, punctuation, etc.
- ▶ Formatting.